

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash- Dagsboro

Dagsboro, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred Monday night.

On May 31, 2021, at approximately 10:02 p.m., a 2007 Honda Accord operated by a 31-year-old Frankford man was traveling southbound on DuPont Boulevard (US 113), south of Molly Field Road, in the left travel lane. For unknown reasons, a 21-year-old Seaford man had exited his vehicle, parked on the southbound shoulder of US 113, and was in the left travel lane of DuPont Boulevard. He was wearing dark-colored clothing and was not using a light. The operator of the Accord was unable to see the victim, and the vehicle struck him in the left travel lane. After the collision, the driver came to a controlled stop just south of the crash scene.

The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital by helicopter, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The driver of the Accord and his 5-year-old passenger were not injured.

DuPont Boulevard was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigation was completed and the scene was cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating this collision. Anyone with information should contact Cpl/3 K. Argo by calling 302-644-5020. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

With warmer weather an increased number of pedestrians will be out walking and around the roadways. As a reminder, troopers

would like to offer the following pedestrian safety tips to help keep our citizens and visitors safe:

- Be visible. When walking at night, wear bright-colored clothing. Use a flashlight or reflective items.
- Never dart out. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections when possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- If your vehicle breaks down, turn on your flashers and stay with your vehicle until assistance arrives.
- Use pedestrian pushbuttons and wait for the walk signal to cross.
- Take your time to cross. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area and wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely. Continue to watch traffic as you cross.
- Make eye contact with drivers as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. Walk on the shoulder facing traffic if no sidewalk is available.
- Keep alert at all times. Don't be distracted by cellphones and electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs. They impair your judgment and coordination.

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